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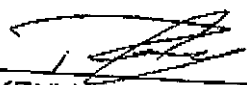
With the addition of claims 13 to 26, claims 1 to 26 are pending in the present application.

As per the telephone interview with the Examiner on January 26, 2004, Applicant has incorporated the rigid supports (4) limitation, originally cited in dependent claim 4, into independent claims 1 and 12. Applicant has also added new dependent claims 13 to 26. No new matter has been added. See, for example, original claims 1 to 12. As the Examiner admits, Weihrauch does not disclose, or even suggest, a receptacle having rigid supports (4), as recited in amended claims 1 and 12.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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